



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Kansen Chu

SUBJECT: LANDFILL & MATERIALS
RECOVERY FACILITY IN
NORTH SAN JOSE

DATE: February 22, 2008

APPROVED:

DATE:

2/22/08

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the staff recommendation for Item 11.6 on the February 26, 2008 City Council Agenda with the following additions:

1. Direct the applicant, Zanker Road Resource Management, Ltd., to assist the City in analyzing traffic counts and traffic impacts at or immediately after commencement of operations of the proposed development. While staff has determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the City of San Jose Transportation Level of Service Policy, it is important to validate that the proposed project, once it is in full operation, will not cause safety risks to truck drivers who serve the site or to residents and visitors in the vicinity of the proposed project;
2. Direct the applicant to work with the City to conduct a street sweeping program for Los Esteros that maintains the health, safety, and cleanliness of the road using the timetable under the direction in Item 1; and
3. Direct the applicant to work with the City during the PD permit phase of the project to generate an appropriate plan and protocol for truck parking at the facility.

BACKGROUND

The action before City Council on February 26, 2008 is to approve a rezoning application that will allow the continued use of the Zanker Material Processing Facility, an expansion of its operations, and the construction of a 200,000 sf indoor sorting and recycling facility. Since filing its application in November 2006, the applicant has worked diligently with staff to bring the existing facility into conformance with City and County regulations and has included measures to avoid, reduce, and mitigate environmental impacts identified in the project Environmental Impact Report. The project is consistent with the City's General Plan and our goals for waste management. Additionally, the project will help achieve Goal #5 of San José's Green Vision: *Divert 100% of the waste from our landfill and convert waste to energy.*

Your approval of this item is appreciated.